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DEVELOPMENTS IN POLISH METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY

NOWA HUTA PROJECT GETS SOVIET AID -- Legnica Wolnosc, 13 Jul 50

The low level of prewar Polish metallurgy has made it impossible for Polish experts to obtain adequate experience to meet construction requirements for the expanding metallurgical industry.

In the construction of Nowa Huta the USSR arranged conferences for Polish engineers, technicians, and metallurgists with the most outstanding experts of Magnitogorsk, Stalinsk, Krivoy Rog, and Azovstal' in Zhdanov, etc.

As the result of experiments conducted under the supervision of Soviet engineers, the Polish industry has obtained a high grade of coke, which it had previously been unable to produce. The use of this coke will make it possible to install modern furnaces in Nowa Huta, with productivity five times greater than heretofore.

Under the direction of Soviet specialists, geological soil experiments are being carried out. These new experiments not only delineate the structure of the soil, as has been done up to the present time, but test the foundations at various levels as to the plasticity, load capacity, moisture, etc.

At the Nowa Huta construction site, many jobs have been mechanized. Most of the equipment, such as the Stalinets bulldozers, electric excavators, and mechanical dump trucks, has been supplied by the USSR.

ORGANIZE METALLURGICAL PLANTS AS STATE CORPORATIONS -- Warsaw Monitor Polski, 9 Jun 50

The Minister of Heavy Industry, in agreement with the chairman of the State Economic Planning Commission and the Minister of Finance, has announced the formation of the following state corporations as of 1 April 1950:

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1. Andrzej Metallurgical Plant, in Zawadzki, Strzelce Powiat
2. Szczecin Metallurgical Plant, in Szczecin
3. Jednosc Metallurgical Plant, in Siemianowice Slaskie
4. E. Cedler Metallurgical Plant, in Sosnowiec
5. Laziska Metallurgical Plant, in Laziska Gorne
6. Pokoj Metallurgical Plant, in Nowy Bytom
7. Bobrek Metallurgical Plant, in Bobrek near Bytom
8. Florian Metallurgical Plant, in Swietochlowice
9. Kosciuszko Metallurgical Plant, in Chorzow
10. J. Stalin Metallurgical Plant, in Labedy
11. Baildon Metallurgical Plant, in Katowice
12. Czestochowa Metallurgical Plant, in Czestochowa
13. Malapanew Metallurgical Plant, in Ozimek, Opole Powiat
14. Ferrum Metallurgical Plant, in Katowice
15. Zygmunt Metallurgical Plant, in Lagiewniki Slaskie
16. Sosnowiec Metallurgical Plant, in Sosnowiec
17. Zawiercie Metallurgical Plant, in Zawiercie
18. Bedzin Metallurgical Plant, in Bedzin
19. Myszkow Metalworking Enterprise, in Myszkow
20. Zabrze Metallurgical Plant, in Zabrze

Enterprises from 1 to 8 inclusive will produce iron. Enterprises from 9 to 19 inclusive will produce iron and process metals.

Enterprise No 20 will process metal.

All enterprises will be under the supervision of the Central Administration of the Metallurgical Industry, with supreme authority vested in the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

Each enterprise will have a Council for Public Supervision whose sphere of activity, method of appointing and recalling members, organization, and procedures will be defined by the Council of Ministers.

The administrative organ of each enterprise will be the Board of Directors whose members will be appointed and recalled by the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

In enterprises numbered 1 to 5 and 13 to 20, the Board of Directors will be composed of one director representing the management, and one assistant director responsible to the director.

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The Board of Directors in enterprises numbered 6 to 12 will be composed of a director representing the management, and two assistant directors responsible to the director.

Obligations of the individual enterprises must be countersigned by:
(a) two members of the Board of Directors jointly; or (b) one member of the Board of Directors and one authorized commercial agent; or (c) two authorized commercial agents jointly.

METALWORKERS PLEDGE TO TOP QUOTAS -- Katowice Dziennik Zachodni, 25 Jun 50

The workers of the Pokoj Metallurgical Plant pledged to surpass production plans during the period 22 June to 22 July 1950.

The workers in the hammer-forging department pledged to exceed their planned production, and the coke workers pledged to produce 500 tons of coke above the plan, also coal derivatives. The workers of the blast furnaces pledged to produce 120 tons of Martin slag and 120 tons of manganese slag above the plan. The workers of the rolling mill department pledged production of 50 tons of thick sheet metal, 100 tons of sheet metal, and 800 tons of ingots for rolling above the plan. The workers of the sintering department, the winding department, construction department, and the mechanical and installation workshops also made pledges.

SHIP SALVAGE MAY YIELD 20,000 TONS OF STEEL -- Warsaw Express Wieczorny, 24 May 50

The battleship Gneisenau was sunk at the entrance to the port of Gdynia by the Germans to block operations. After hostilities ceased, the Poles removed the superstructure and armored turrets which protruded above water and transformed them into tractors and structural steel. The hulk of the ship, however, was left to serve as a break-water since another entrance to the port had been opened immediately after the liberation of Gdynia.

At present, the hulk is being raised and is expected to yield about 20,000 tons of high-grade steel.

The salvage work is being done by the salvage ship Smok.

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